

## OPINION 1616

### *Ptochus* Schönherr, 1826 (Insecta, Coleoptera): *Ptochus porcellus* Boheman in Schönherr, 1834 confirmed as the type species

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Ptochus* Schönherr, 1826 prior to the designation of *Ptochus porcellus* Boheman in Schönherr, 1834 by Marshall (1916) are hereby set aside.

(2) The name *Ptochus* Schönherr, 1826 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Marshall (1916) *Ptochus porcellus* Boheman in Schönherr, 1834, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *porcellus* Boheman in Schönherr, 1834, as published in the binomen *Ptochus porcellus* (specific name of the type species of *Ptochus* Schönherr, 1826), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2646

An application for the confirmation of *Ptochus porcellus* Boheman in Schönherr, 1834 as the type species of *Ptochus* Schönherr, 1826 was received from Mr R.T. Thompson (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) on 24 February 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 46: 28–29 (March 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A comment in support was received from Dr Miguel A. Alonso-Zarazaga (*Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid, Spain*) who noted that conservation of the accepted meaning of *Ptochus* Schönherr, 1826 would help to stabilise the generic nomenclature of weevils, which is confused at present.

It was noted on the voting paper that the genus *Ptochus* has been treated in a number of major publications and that it is the type genus of the large tribe PTOCHINI Reitter, 1912, which includes some 20 genera and 400 species.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 29. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Thompson

Schuster was on leave of absence.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*porcellus*, *Ptochus*, Boheman in Schönherr, 1834, *Genera et species Curculionidum cum synonymia hujus familiae*, vol. 2, part 1, p. 483.

*Ptochus* Schönherr, 1826, *Curculionidum dispositio methodica cum generum characteribus, descriptionibus atque observationibus variis*, p. 188.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Ptochus porcellus* as the type species of *Ptochus*:

**Marshall, G.A.K.** 1916. *The fauna of British India, including Ceylon and Burma*. Coleoptera. Rhynchophora: Curculionidae (part 1), p. 259.